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SUBJ: VISIT TO AUSTRIA OF YUGOSLAV VICE FOREIGN MINISTER

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1. YUGOSLAV VICE FOREIGN MINISTER MILICEVIC WAS IN VIENNA FEBRUARY 18-19 FOR TALKS WITH SENIOR MFA OFFICIALS ON BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL MATTERS. ACCORDING TO MFA SOURCE PRESENT AT CONVERSATIONS, TALKS HAD EFFECT OF REENFORCING WHAT MFA TERMS "NEW ERA OF TRUST BETWEEN TWO STATES" WHICH WAS INITIATED BY KREISKY-TITO MEETING IN SLOVENIA IN LATE DECEMBER OF 1975.

2. ON BILATERAL MATTERS, BOTH SIDES REGISTERED APPRECIATION OVER RESOLUTION OF LONG-STANDING RESTITUTIONS ISSUE AND OVER FAVORABLE PROSPECT OF RESOLVING ARCHIVES ISSUE. AUSTRIANS TOOK NOTE OF THEIR BEING IN ARREARS IN FULFILLING ARTICLE 7 OF STATE TREATY AND SAID DRAFT LEGISLATION WAS NOW BEING PREPARED TO OVERCOME THIS DEFICIENCY. YUGOSLAVS OBSERVED THAT THEY CONSIDERED POPULATION COUNT TO BE INTERNAL MATTER BUT THAT THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT NATIONAL MINORITIES OF YUGOSLAVIAN ORIGIN LIVING OUTSIDE YUGOSLAVIA. IN  
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THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL TRADE, WHICH HEAVILY

IN AUSTRIAN FAVOR, YUGOSLAVS COMPLAINED ABOUT TARIFF HURDLES AND INDICATED THEY WOULD LIKE SOME SORT OF COMPENSATION DEALS.

3. ON CSCE, AUSTRIANS SUGGESTED ATTENTION SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE FOCUSED ON IMPLEMENTATION OF CSCE FINAL ACT AND NOT, AS SUGGESTED BY YUGOSLAVS, SHIFTED TO PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING NEXT YEAR'S BELGRADE MEETING. AUSTRIANS ALSO STRESSED THAT IN GOA VIEW PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE MEETING SHOULD GO FORWARD ON BILATERAL BASIS, NOT IN FORM OF YUGOSLAV EFFORT TO PROMOTE MEETINGS OF GROUPS, IN WHICH BY IMPLICATION YUGOSLAVIA WOULD TURN UP IN GROUP OF NEUTRALS (SEE PARA 9 REFTEL B).

4. DISCUSSION OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, E.G. CYPRUS, MIDDLE EAST, ANGOLA, UN, DISARMAMENT, AND LAW OF SEA, TOOK FORM FOR REITERATION OF RESPECTIVE WELL-KNOWN POSITIONS, ACCORDING TO MFA SOURCE.

5. MILICEVIC VISIT ALSO SERVED AS STAGE-SETTER FOR UPCOMING AUSTRIAN FONMIN VISIT TO BELGRADE, WHICH IS NOW BEING TALKED ABOUT AS PROBABLE IN APRIL. BUCHANAN

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